IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DECEMBER 2007 / 22ND AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 36907 of 2007(R)

PETITIONER:

N.S.SREEKUMAR, VILLAGE OFFICER,
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TAHSILDAR (LA),
RAILWAY, KASARAGODE.

BY ADV. SMT.P.V.ASHA

RESPONDENTS:

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 13/12/2007,THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI,J.

W.P (C) No. 36907 of 2007

Dated this the 13th December, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioner is presently working as Village Officer. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against him as evidenced by Exhibit P2. Exhibit P3 reply was submitted. Enquiry was conducted by the Additional Commissioner of Land Revenue and Exhibit P5 report was submitted. Exhibit P6 show cause notice dated 12.7.2007 was issued to the petitioner proposing imposition of penalty of barring of two annual increments. Exhibit P7 reply was submitted on 17.8.2007. No further action has been taken thereon and final orders are yet to be passed. Petitioner submitted a reminder on 3.12.2007, as evidenced by Exhibit P8. Petitioner is aggrieved that delay in completion of the disciplinary proceedings stands in the way of him being promoted to the post of Deputy Tahasildar.

After having heard the learned Government Pleader also, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent to take a final decision as regards the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner, pursuant to Exhibit-P2, as early as possible, at any rate, on or before 31.1.2008.

(V.GIRI, JUDGE)

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K.THANKAPPAN,J

CRL.A. NO.92 OF 1999

ORDER

25th May, 2007